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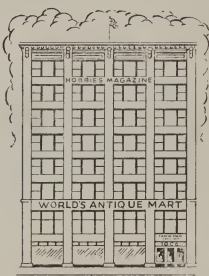
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## OLD MECHANICAL BANKS Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH



### "Darky Fisherman Bank"

By F. H. GRIFFITH

It is always a real pleasure to report the existence of a heretofore unknown mechanical bank since it offers each and every collector in the field a new challenge and the possibility of a new addition to his own collection. A discovery of this kind seemingly throws the numerical classification out of order since we have reached No. 80 in the series articles and, of course, a very rare desirable mechanical bank such as the previously unknown "Darky Fisherman Bank" logically deserves a higher rating. It is necessary, however, to maintain some order and conformity in our series of articles. With this in mind the writer decided some time ago after due consideration that any mechanical bank under the above circumstances would be assigned a number at the time, subject to change at some future date. Therefore the Darky Fisherman Bank will be No. 80 in our numerical classification even though it actually should be higher up in the listing. A comparable situation occurred with the Time Is Money Bank (HOBBIES, May, 1959) and undoubtedly will occur again in the future.

The Darky Fisherman Bank is in the very fine collection of Mrs. Mary Gerken of Allison Park, Pa. Mrs. Gerken is an avid collector and has been interested in mechanical banks for a number of years. She enjoys her hobby thoroughly and has an excellent collection including some of the top rarities. Mrs. Gerken obtained the Darky Fisherman Bank from David Hollander at the recent Mechanical Bank Collectors Convention (HOBBIES, November, 1959). Mr. Hollander deserves due credit for his unusual find. He is one of the pioneers as a dealer in mechanical banks and in recent years handled the sale of the various banks in the well known Chrysler collection.

The bank is in fine condition with good original paint. Some object may have originally hung from the end of the fishing pole and if this is the case it is missing. According to Mr. Hollander the original owner claimed that a fish hung from the pole and this seems logical enough. However, it is possible that some sort of an incongruous or comic type of object may have hung there. In the writer's opinion Charles A. Bailey unquestionably made the bank. There are no markings, patent dates, or other means of identification on the

bank, however, every part and piece shows Bailey's meticulous workmanship. It is the writer's further opinion that the bank was made during the period of 1880 to 1885 and that Bailey designed, produced, and manufactured it himself in his shop in Cohatt, Conn. The material and workmanship are the same as his Springing Cat (HOBBIES, September, 1952), Chinaman In Boat (HOBBIES, May, 1955), and Baby Elephant Bank Unlocks At X O'Clock (HOBBIES, June, 1956).

There is some wording on the bank and this is in raised letters across the base just to the front of the boy's feet. The statement "Dis Pond Am De Boss Place To Fish" appears here. Flowers and foliage are also designed in this section around the boy's feet, the lettering, and on up to the edge of the pond. The flowers are red and the entire base including the pond is silver with small frogs around the pond. The boy's legs, arms, and face are black. He has large white eyes and a large red lipped mouth. His trousers are yellow with a blue patch on the right leg and a red patch on the left leg. There is a large red patch on the seat of his trousers. He has a blue jacket with a red shirt. His cap is sectioned on the top in red, blue and yellow, and the visor is black. The boy holds a wire fishing pole in his right hand and this pole has a loop on the end. The looped end rests in a slot in the pond and this slot runs part way into the coin section located at the end of the pond. The loop end of the pole thus passes through part of this coin section which is painted red.

To operate the bank a coin is placed on the aforementioned coin section. A lever located on the right elbow of the figure is then pressed, this causes the right arm to move upward raising the pole held in his hand. The looped end of the pole moves up through the slot in the pond and pushes the coin into the coin slot. As the pole continues to travel upward a lever inside the figure is accentuated and this causes the cap to tilt backward off the head of the colored boy. The pictures clearly illustrate this operation.

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By CHARLES FRENCH

Thousands of Whitman board collectors are deriving pleasure from filling their coin boards out of circulation. A great many coins can be secured in this manner, but as the boards fill up the last empty spaces are always the rarities.

Occasionally a rarity is found in change, but not very often. When one IS found it is a great thrill to the finder.

Many collectors speed up their "pocket change" collections by going to the bank where they are known and getting rolls of the denomination they want. They go over these and pick out the ones they need. Then they rewrap the rolls and exchange them at the bank for different rolls of coins.

In this manner one can go through thousands of coins and get many interesting and unusual pieces. I have even heard of a person getting a roll of Indian Heads in this manner.

When it comes to the rarer coins, one must stop considering them as only worth face value. A rare coin is no longer a "cent" or "nickel" but a rarity that demands premiums far in excess of the coin's original face value.

When going through the rolls one should watch out for the following coins. In cents, of course, the 1909 S VDB (Victor D. Brenner), 1909 S, 1914 D, 1931 S should be kept in any condition, short of mutilated. In "fine" or better conditions one should watch for 1921 S, 1922 no D, 1923 S, 1924 D & S, 1926 S.

It is a good idea to try to save all branch mint cents, "good" or better through 1933, endeavoring to get enough of them to make up used rolls say of 50 1926 S, 50 1918 D, etc., etc. Make rolls of a single type, not mixtures. All these by the roll, demand premiums.

Very active at present, and still to be found in circulation, are the 1955 double die obverse Lincoln cents. Watch for these. They are worth a very excellent premium.

When looking over nickels, keep any Buffalo nickels, particularly from branch mints, that are "extremely fine" or better. These are so poorly struck as to be very difficult to secure in perfect, "uncirculated," condition. In time "extremely

fine" specimens are going to be worth considerable premium.

Jefferson nickel sets are easy to complete, with the exception of 1939 D, 1939 S. Keep all you find of these for they are rapidly becoming very scarce.

If you should find any Liberty nickels remember that the rarities are the 1885 and 1912 S. Keep any of these you find in any condition.

As to the rest of the Liberty nickels, very little premium can be gotten on these unless they are "fine" or better. A "fine" Liberty nickel must have the word "Liberty" on the head dress sharp and clear.

If you come across any Liberty Head dimes look for 1894 O, 1895, 1895 O, 1896 O, 1896 S, 1897 O, 1892 S, 1901 S; also any branch mints that are "very fine" or better, with Liberty on head dress sharp. In Mercury dimes, the 1916 D is of course the rarest; 1921 P & D are scarce, as is the 1942 over 1. These should be saved in any condition. Other branch mints, in "very fine" or better, can be saved but they are not too popular at the present time.

Liberty Head quarters have a few rarities. Outstanding are the 1896 S, 1901 S, 1912 S. Save these in any condition. All other quarters should be saved if in "very fine" condition.

Liberty Standing quarters have a long list of desirable rarities. Save any from 1916 (the rarest), through 1924, all mints. The commonest of this series are the 1917 Type I, P mint. Also save 1927 S for this item is coming into its own in circulated condition.

The quarters from 1916 through 1924 were struck with very poor, high, lightly struck dates which were off very rapidly, hence their scarcity. In 1925 the design was changed. The dates are set in more, are struck heavier, and are wearing better. Therefore they are not as rare.

Outstanding in Washington quarters is the 1932 D, the rarest. Next comes the 1932 S. The 1932 D is desirable from "good" or better, 1932 S from "fine" or better.

The 1936 D catalogs high in circulated condition. However as yet it is only in demand in "uncirculated" condition. The rest of this series is comparatively common.

Outstanding among the Liberty Head halves are the 1892 O, 1892 S, 1893 S, 1896 S, 1897 O & S, 1901 S. These should be saved in strictly "good" condition or better. All other Liberty Head halves should be saved if in "very fine" or better condition, with Liberty sharp on the head dress.

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The rest of the series, from 1934 up, are quite common in circulated condition. The Franklin halves have not developed any great rarities as yet in circulated condition, but watch the 1949 Ps. These may become so in the future.

Watch out for the fast becoming scarce 1950 D nickels. I understand nearly the entire issue of only 2,000,000 coins went into the hands of coin collectors, and circulated ones are well nigh impossible to find.

Rolls of the "uncirculated" ones are sky-rocketing very rapidly and collectors seem to feel they could some day reach the 1939 D nickel prices because of the short issue. While 1950 Ds only catalog at \$1.35 "uncirculated," they are being of-

fered at \$3.95 at the time of this writing.

As to investment in coins, the "hot" thing now is in securing "uncirculated" "rolls" of all denominations, particularly cents and nickels, especially those that have a small mint issue. Outstanding in these are the 1955 S cents, the last year of the San Francisco mint, and a shorter than usual issue. I've seen these rise from \$3.25 per roll last winter, to \$7.50 to \$8.50 this fall.

What the future will bring in this rapidly rising speculative market in rolls no one can say. There is the possibility that what goes up must come down. But right now the market is certainly booming. There is not much risk either when one watches the mint records, finds a short issue, secures a quantity at very little over face (they can always be spent for face value), and sits on them awaiting the market rise.

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## Question:

We have the bank notes. 1. Hiwassee Railroad Company, One Dollar for labor on road, 25 July, 1841, signed by Treas., with old fashioned train in center of upper part. 2. The Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad Bank, Adrian, Five Dollars, August 1, 1853, torn in two lengthwise. 3. Farmers' Bank of North Carolina, Six Dollars, April, 1854, eagle in top center, signed by President and Cashier. 4. Bank of Nashville, Tenn., One Dollar, December, 1861, signed by President and Cashier, top center depicts plow, barrel, etc. 5. Bank of Nashville, Tenn., One Dollar, date and signatures very dim, depicting two women, bottom center, man lower left corner. 6. Bank of Nashville, Tenn., Fifty Cents, 1861, signed J. G. M. Ramsey for President, good shape. (These are the same initials as the Ramsey who wrote Tenn. History) R.R. train, top. 7. Bank of Chattanooga, Tenn., August, 1861, signed by President and Cashier. 8. Confederate State \$50. Jeff Davis, partly missing corner. 9. Another with adv. of Cross-S Ranch. 10. Another, Richmond, 1864, horses drawing field piece, center top, February, 1864. 11. Another, \$20.00, Richmond, 1864, small piece out of bottom, capitol. 12. Another, February, 1864, \$100. Mrs. Davis. center. I would like to know if they have any value.

—J. P. McG., Oklahoma

## Answer:

Hiwassee One Dollar, \$3.00. Erie & Kal., Five Dollars, \$2.00. Farmers' Six Dollars, \$4.00. Bank of Tenn., One Dollar, \$2.00. Bank of Tenn., One Dollar, \$2.00. Bank of Tenn., One Dollar. Bank of Tenn. Fifty Cents, \$1.00 to \$1.50. Chattanooga, 50¢ due to bad end. Confederate State Fifty Dollars, \$1.50. Advertising one, Cross-S Ranch, fake. Richmond, Fifty Dollars, 1864, \$1.50. Richmond, Twenty Dollars, small piece out of bottom, 50¢, 1864 \$100, good, \$2.50. Dealers probably would pay half these prices but remember they must be in fine condition, if uncirculated worth little more; if inferior, about half price.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

You once mentioned the polishing of Lincoln cent and other cent issues, its harm and benefit. Could you give the brand of polish that could be used without harm for pol-

ishing Lincoln cents, Indian Head cents? Or kind of polish? You also mention that some collectors prefer the natural oil since this prevents corrosion. Say that I was to buy a Lincoln cent, how do I go about oiling it to prevent corrosion, etc.? Since I am now at this cent collecting game, would like to know in order to keep said collection as perfect as possible.

—R. C. L., California

## Answer:

Provided your cents are strictly uncirculated and simply toned or dark, a cleaner known as *Brilliantize* will make the cent bright and very beautiful. However, you will be able to detect that the cent has been cleaned. There is a chance it may tarnish again, of course.

Natural oil cannot be put on cents, this is the grease accumulation of years, which when gently rubbed with a soft cloth, will turn up a fine glossy finish.

If a cent shows any sign of green, or corrosion spots it is very difficult to remove these, and usually they will always show.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Please identify and tell me the value of the following coin dated 1693 of which I enclose a pencil rubbing. Obverse inscription: "Petermentger" C III L, with what appears to be St. Peter on a cloud holding a key. Reverse inscription: "Chur-Trier-Is-Land-Muntz." Thank you.

—F. W. K., New Jersey

## Answer:

This is money of Chur and Trier, most likely small cities in Middle Europe. There are many hundreds of these minor coins struck during this era by small towns, etc. They are not valuable.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I have French 5 franc silver coin about the size of our silver dollar. It is dated 1870. Beneath the head on the obverse side is the word *Barre* in small letters, and after the word *Empereur* is the letter A. Around the outside of the rim there is lettering and stars as follows: *Dieu Protege La France*. Please advise its value.

—J. L. A., Illinois

## Answer:

Your French five franc piece retails for \$1.50.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Please offer any pertinent comments relative to the item I will describe. This paper appears to be an advertisement of H. H. Loyd & Co., map publishers, 25 Howard St., New York. It measures about four by ten inches. It appears to be a facsimile of a United States Treasury note on one side, bearing the date July, 1861, and with five coupons attached. It is of \$100 denomination. On the reverse side the advertisement describes the facsimile of the Treasury note mentioned here, then goes on to list various portraits of several generals of the Army of the Potomac that the company of H. H. Loyd has for sale. I should further mention that the facsimile shows a note to mature in a period of three years from the date of August 19, 1861. I should appreciate any information.

—H. G. M., Pennsylvania

## Answer:

Your facsimile is one of several that were distributed by individuals and firms as advertisements. They are not money, and the illustration of U.S. currency was soon barred so that they were no longer allowed to be produced. Today, similar advertisements are seen but they are always of imitation currency Confederate notes or others not issued originally to be used as currency in this country.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

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—A. M. W., New Jersey

## Answer:

Liberty nickels were first coined in 1883, however, there were a few patterns struck in 1882 as experimental pieces in proof.

Occasionally a mint error can occur and a cent could be struck in error on a dime planchet, this would be quite rare and valuable.

The government no longer has available uncut sheets of currency.

1955 P double date shift is a mint error in which the planchet was struck twice giving the coin a double impression of the date.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Please give me information on the pencil rubbing enclosed, and the coin's value, if any.

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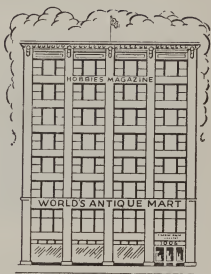
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# OLD MECHANICAL BANKS

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## The Tommy Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH



It's a rare occasion for the writer to report the existence of a heretofore unknown mechanical bank such as the "Darky Fisherman Bank" (HOBBIES, January, 1960). To repeat those circumstances in the very next article really establishes a precedent. But such is the case as we reach No. 81 in the numerical classification of the mechanical banks, and the improbable becomes probable as we report the finding of a Tommy Bank. Here again this bank properly belongs further up in the listing, but we will conform to our established policy on this as outlined in previous articles.

The Tommy Bank is a World War I item. That is to say it is from that period and the name "Tommy" referred to any British soldier, the same as the American soldier was called "Yankee" or "Yank." The bank was made by John Harper & Company of England and appeared in their catalogs as late as 1924. This rather late date might leave the impression that the bank should not be too difficult an item to locate, however, this is far from the case, as the opposite is true. Apparently, like several other late rare banks, such as the Clown, Harlequin And Columbine and the North Pole, the Tommy was made in very limited quantities and thus there are not many examples in existence. The writer is very fortunate in having an original catalog of John Harper & Company which illustrates the Tommy Bank. Therefore, it was a bank that was known to have been made, but until the appearance of this specimen had never been found.

The bank shown is from the fine collection of E. T. Richards of Peace Dale, R. I. It was found in a private home located on the Vermont-Massachusetts boundary. It is in completely original condition with good paint. The soldier is dressed in a khaki colored uniform with

khaki puttees. His cap is the same color and on the front of the cap there is an unusual type of insignia. The face and hands of the figure are flesh color and his hair is black. The tree trunk is dark brown with a yellow top. The section on which the rifle rests is light brown and the grass is a bright deep green as is the rim around the base of the bank.

On the top of the base, between the tree stump and the soldier appears the name "Tommy" with an exclamation point after the name. On the bottom of the base is the word "Beatrice." The name "Beatrice" was a registered trade mark, Number 224,159, used by Harper as a general name for their line of mechanical banks. This is similar or comparable to the Excelsior Series of banks as issued by Shepard Hardware Company of Buffalo, New York. For more information on the Harper Beatrice banks and English mechanicals in general please refer to HOBBIES, May, 1957.

The operation of the Tommy is the same as the Wimbledon Bank (HOBBIES, November, 1956). The gun is first set to fire as shown in the picture. In so doing the spring operated mechanism tilts the soldier's head forward as though taking aim. A coin is then placed on the barrel of the gun. Then a lever is pressed which raises the soldier's right arm and hand and this releases the mechanism firing the coin into the tree stump. As the coin is fired the soldier's head snaps back into position.

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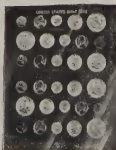


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### Answer:

I am of the opinion that, while your "nickle" is not a pattern coin, it appears to be a "mint error." In other words, a five-cent piece struck on the planchet of a bronze cent. In checking we find that while the planchet is a little larger in circumference than a cent, it is also thinner and the pressure with which the nickel was struck could well have caused this cent planchet to thin out. To mint error collectors, this should be a very desirable coin worth a good premium. As there are no catalog valuations on these I could not advise what it would be worth. It depends upon what someone would be willing to pay. While there are a good amount of common mint errors, I would think this one is rather unusual, not being the "very rarest," but more like being in the quite rare stage.

The other coin is, I believe, an imitation of a Jewish shekel, not an original coin.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

Some time ago, I sent you a pencil rubbing (marked No. 2) of an imitation George III "Spade" Guinea, which you identified as such. I had compared it with my "Spade" Guinea of 1794, and have assumed that it was intended as an imitation of the gold piece.

However, I was more interested in *why* it was struck. Especially since it was inscribed "In memory of old times." I thought it might have been a token issued for political reasons. Others have suggested that it was a counterfeit coin, and that the above inscription was used so that it would not be exactly like the original. As it was holed, I did not put too much stock in it being a counterfeit. It was dated 1790, and looked old and worn. I purchased several more like it, but dated 1768. These were obviously new and I paid 12¢ each for them. Can you give me the "story" on these.

Pencil rubbing (marked No. 1) is another George III brass token. The reverse is somewhat similar to the "Spade" Guinea but somewhat different from those I have seen. It

was sold to me as a "brass half penny (?) by a dealer who didn't know exactly what it was. It is similar to the other tokens, but doesn't look too much like the guineas I have seen. It also looks old, but is in e. f. condition. Can you tell me what it is and why it was struck?

—D. J. K., Jr., Indiana

#### Answer:

You are correct in assuming that very little is known about these tokens. It can be assumed that they were issued way after the time of George III, and it is a known fact, that they were not intended as counterfeits. In fact, there is a possibility that they were not even struck in England but in Germany. There are also known brass imitations of U.S. gold prior to 1800, that have the name "Kettle" upon them. Then, too, there are the large number of imitation gold coins, struck in brass of \$2.50, \$5 (I've never seen a \$10), and \$20 pieces marked "Composition Spiel Market," or imitation play money. These were of German origin and were used from around 1850 to 1880 as counters or (poker chips). There is a good chance that your imitation Guineas were also issued for this purpose.

This is an interesting sideline to Numismatics that can bear further research.

—C. F., New York

#### Question:

I have a 1943 copper penny. What is its value?

—Mrs. C. T. M., Tennessee

#### Answer:

A genuine 1943 copper cent is very rare. There are only two genuine ones known.

There are many fakes, however, and yours would have to be checked by an expert to ascertain its genuineness.

—C. F., New York

#### Question:

Enclosed find rubbings of a cased set of 7 (1921) Meissen, dark red porcelain Boettger ware coins. The case is of finished cardboard and lined with silk cloth. It appears to be a commemorative set, marking the 200 year anniversary of the discovery by Boettger of the formula for making porcelain. What would be the retail value of this set?

What is the value of a \$4.00 gold piece in fine condition. Were such coins meant to be circulated? My coin book states (Proof Pattern) what is the meaning of this?

—F. A. N., Illinois

#### Answer:

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—C. F., New York

#### Question:

I have a \$5, 1881, (plain) gold piece, in very good condition. How much could I get for it. What is my 1912 half dollar worth?

—F. G. M., Maryland

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What is this medal worth?

—Mrs. R. C. C., Missouri

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—C. F., New York

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Some of my friends have been collecting the \$1 bills with "In God We Trust," because they had heard the bills were collector's items. I told them about reading your Coin Quiz every month, and they asked me to write you. Are they now worth more than face value, or will they ever be worth more than other one dollar bills?

—L. G., Missouri

#### Answer:

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## COIN QUIZ

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## Question:

It is my understanding that all new U.S. coins (I do not mean proof coins) are distributed from the mints to the Federal Reserve banks, whence they are distributed to the thousands of individual commercial banks, from which one might be lucky enough to receive a roll of uncirculated coins of the type and year he is looking for. Is it possible to identify these uncirculated coins by any special roll wrapping without having to open each roll to check, I believe the coins are wrapped after they arrive at the commercial banks, by the bank employees, and therefore might even be mixed in with older coins. Is it probable there are commercial banks in the U.S. that have in their vaults many as-yet-uncirculated coins dating back four or five years or more? If so is there any way by which these coins could be identified? Are these coins shipped to the commercial banks in money bags, each bag bearing an identification of its contents? Could you tell me where the Canadian mint is located?

—V. D., New York

## Answer:

It is possible to identify rolls by looking at one coin.

I believe if new coins are ordered from the Federal Reserve it depends upon the quantity whether or not they come in rolls or in a bag, the bag being the larger quantity; then they would be rolled by the individual

bank. There would be no reason to mix them with any other coins.

I know that the Federal Reserve banks have silver dollars in their vaults so it may be possible there are other denominations.

The Royal Canadian Mint is in Ottawa.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I have a coin dated 1812. On dated side is a head with head-dress of a Pope or King. Letters around head as follows—Carolus IIII. Dei Gratia. The opposite side has a coat-of-arms with a torch on either side and crown above. Letters on this side are—Histan, Etind, Rex 8 R.F.H. I would like to know the value of this coin.

—Mrs. C. D. T., Ohio

## Answer:

Your specimen is an 8 real coin of Spain. There is usually a mint mark before the "8 R" which denotes where it came from, and partially controls the value. The ruler is Charles IV. If in fine condition this coin retails from \$3.50 depending upon mint mark. If there is no mint mark it indicates that it came from the Royal mint in Spain and retails, fine condition, for around \$5.00.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I have some foreign bills. Could you tell me the values of each? Descriptions are inclosed. Japanese invasion money, a 1000 pesos banknote, the highest denomination in the series issued by the Japanese when they occupied the Philippines during World

War II. Condition new, crisp, unfolded (uncirculated), size  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $5\frac{1}{4}$ ". Bolivia banknote. Has picture of Simon Bolivar on front and date 1928. Denomination is 1 Boliviano. Condition new, but folded. Size  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". Brazilian banknote. Beautiful, finely engraved note, picture of Desque de Caxias on the front and an Army School on back. Denomination is a cruzcros. I uncirculated condition. Size same as our American bills. German inflation note. Finely engraved 1000 mark banknote issued 1922. Paper is yellowed, otherwise in excellent condition. Size  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $6\frac{3}{4}$ ". Germany, small, 10 pfennig bill on stiff paper. Date 1920. In unfolded condition (excellent). Size  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". Germany, same as preceding except very colorful. Date 1921.

—D. N. S., Colorado

## Answer:

Your foreign bills retail at about 5¢ each.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I have a United States of America One Cent coin dated 1957 which a local coin dealer has examined carefully and pronounced as genuine and of silver composition. It does not have a mint mark. It has some imperfections. The edge is not sharp. The tops of the letters in *E Pluribus Unum* are partially incomplete. The image of Lincoln is sharp and clear, including the engraver's initials on the shoulder. The letters "Ame" in America are not as sharply imprinted as are the remaining letters in America. The letter "L" in Liberty is partially incomplete. It is in uncirculated condition, having been found in a wrapper with 49 new copper cents. How and why was this coin produced, and what is its approximate value?

—E. F. P., Maryland

## Answer:

Such mint errors frequently get out, but the cent genuinely struck on a silver (probably dime) planchet is quite unusual. There is a demand for such errors at present, but it would be very difficult to say what yours is worth.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

The pencil rubbing is merely to give you an idea of size of coin or medal I wish identified. It is the head of the young Victoria with the inscription Victoria Dei Gratia Regina Canada. There is no date so I wondered if it is a commemorative medal. On the reverse side is a spray, as of flowers, with four sets, two turquoise, one a red stone, the other a white one, and there is no inscription. There is a ring at the top so it can be worn as a locket. What is its value?

—L. E. M., Pennsylvania

## Answer:

Probably is a medal or medallion of some sort. Such pieces are usually valued by the metal they are struck in. It might be some kind of military medal with ribbon missing.

—C. F., New York

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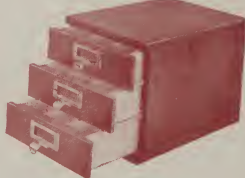
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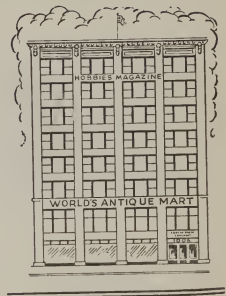
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## OLD MECHANICAL BANKS Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH



### Presto Savings Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

An unusual mechanical bank is our choice as No. 82 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks. The bank is the Presto Savings Bank and it is unusual with respect to the fact that it is mainly constructed of wood and paper. That is to say the main framework and operating parts are all made of wood with paper covering on the building. This, of course, is quite different than most of the mechanical banks which are made of cast iron.

The Presto Savings Bank was designed by Charles M. Crandall of Montrose, Pa., and patented by him May 20, 1884. He assigned two-thirds of the patent to Frederick W. Crandall and Benjamin L. Baldwin. The patent papers with the accompanying drawings very clearly describe and picture the bank as it was actually made. So often a mechanical bank was produced in its final form with many variations from the original patent or drawing. However, the Presto Savings Bank is exact in every detail to the drawings in the original patent.

The bank is known to have been sold in the period of 1885-1886 since it is pictured for sale in the

Selchow & Righter Catalog dated October 10, 1885, for the Season of 1885-1886. The writer is fortunate in having this catalog, which not only has a fine illustration of the Presto, but illustrates numerous other mechanical banks as well. The writer obtained the catalog from Lawrence B. Romaine of Middleboro, Mass., who is to be commended for his fine work in the old catalog field of Americana.

As to the operation of the bank the actual description as outlined in the Selchow & Righter Catalog is of interest and accurately describes the action:

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The toy is so simple in mechanism and durable in construction as to insure it from getting out of order. It is very nearly gotten up, and will handle well in the trade.

It might be well to explain several points of interest. The mouse springs from inside the building and in so doing raises the rear peaked section of the roof. This peaked section is hinged by a piece of cloth at the extreme end of the roof. After the mouse springs into the position as shown in the picture the section merely drops back into place. On the flat part of the roof between the two peaks appears the wording "Lay Penny Here." The penny when in this position, is actually knocked forward by the lever to which the mouse is attached and slides into the coin slot located in the front section of the roof.

The bank shown is in unusually fine condition and particularly so when one considers the fact that the entire building is wood with decorated paper covering. The sides of the building have a brick-like representation in red with black lining between the bricks. The roof is white with a shingle type representation. The front of the building has the word "Presto" at the top, and "Savings Bank" across the center. The window glass is realistically done in a blue shading and there is grey, dark grey, and blue coloring on the door, window tops, and outlinings of the front entrance. The mouse is a grey felt-like material and quite realistic with its black beady eyes.

The Presto Savings Bank is from the extensive collection of John D. Meyer and so far it is the only known specimen in existence. It was found some years ago by Gerald Patton, well known antique dealer of Duncansville, Pa.

In closing, it might be well to mention, that some years ago a crude, unattractive replica of the Presto Savings bank was made, with sheet iron sides and roof and a cast iron front and back. This replica has very little resemblance to the fine original specimen under discussion. Only a few were made to try to fool collectors at the time, and this was before an original specimen was known about in collecting circles. Another word of caution is not to confuse the Presto Savings Bank with the Presto Bank (HOBBIES, September, 1956) or the small cast iron building with a false bottom drawer which has the single word "Presto" as its name.

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**"MADONNA & CHILD"**  
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School started by Jan Van Eyck. In the Scott painting, measuring about 17 by 11 inches, the Virgin, seated on a stone seat, is shown holding the Christ Child. An extensive landscape painting in the blue-green tones characteristic of 15th century Flemish landscape is seen in the background. The type of the Madonna and the composition reflect the paintings of the great 15th century painter Gerard David who was probably Isenbrant's master. Although an earlier type is evident, a later date of about 1525 is apparent in the softer treatment of the features which suggests the influence of Italian art, most notably the art of the Milanese School centering upon Leonardo da Vinci. This painting is therefore a most welcome addition to the Athenaeum's collections since it suggests a most important transitional point in the development of northern painting.

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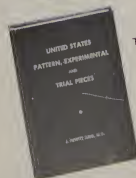
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## AS GOOD AS GOLD

By CHARLES FRENCH

Gold, throughout civilized times has been the one rare metal that has always been stable, in demand, and desirable to all. There have been times when gold's "popularity" has waned, as was the case throughout most of the world during the depression years of the 1930s. Not that it was unpopular, but that most countries were forced to go off the gold standard, hoarding what they could to protect their financial systems. This was the case here in 1933 when we went off the gold standard. There is nothing like gold for firm, solid, stable, value. Other moneys may inflate, as most do constantly, but gold always stays the same. The purchasing power of money has gradually gone down in value since the beginning of civilized times. There have been times when currencies temporarily stood still, but the downhill slide soon began again.

During the Roman civilization, its medium of exchange, the silver denarii gradually became debased, until, after several centuries they had degraded from a fine silver coin to a cheap copper, silver plated piece known as Antoniniani. Originally, the popular bronze pieces of the era were large and had great purchasing power. Through the ages, legislation reduced their size, increased the number to a Denarius, in fact did everything to reduce the purchasing power of the coins.

During the Middle Ages, kings would issue fine silver groats, and silver "pennies," the common denominations of the times. Should the ruler get a little short financially, he would call these denominations in, and replace them with a cheap, low grade coin of similar design.

The silver penny of the Dark Ages, a thin small silver coin about the size of a dime was the standard of the Dark Ages. One most likely had the purchasing power of more than one of our large silver dollars of today. Think how the purchasing power of a cent or penny has gone down.

Even in our lifetime, the value of the dollar has constantly gone down until now its purchasing power is approximately one-third of what it was when we went off the gold standard in 1933.

What has this done to gold? The value, in terms of dollars has gone up. While the government "pegged" price is still only around \$35 per ounce (this is equivalent to the old \$20 gold value), the open market trades in this quantity at around \$40, or double the old face value.

Therefore, it is easy to see that with the dollar down two-thirds and the gold up only double, gold now seems to be in a desirable position to buy, and particularly so, insofar as the flow of gold held by the gov-



ernment is out of the country to foreign hands to a considerable extent. It must also be remembered that the cost of mining gold is such that it cannot be mined profitably at the rate of \$35 per ounce which the government pays. Consequently, a great many of our gold mines have shut down. All these factors tend to indicate the possibility of the government increasing the price of gold above the \$35 price, further inflating our currency to help the production of new gold and stop the flow out of the country. The only alternative to remedy this situation would be to again place an embargo on gold exports. While the situation at present is not critical, and probably no action will be taken at present, there is the possibility this may come some day.

How does this affect coin collecting? It affects gold coins greatly, for to a certain extent, the value of many gold coins are partly determined by the actual value of the gold itself in terms of dollars. The trend with all gold coin denominations, both foreign and United States has been up for many years. The premium values are not determined solely by the coin's gold contents. Gold dollars now sell for from 15 to 20 times their original value. The \$3 gold pieces 25 to 30 times their face. Fives, two to three times; tens at two to two and one-half times face and twenties at two to two and one-half times face. Not to forget \$2.50 pieces which sell from five to eight times face. Foreign gold currently sells for from two to four times face. These values are true numismatic values, but consideration must be given to the basal gold valuation.

Gold coins are popular because everyone likes their weight, color, and intrinsic value, and they will not tarnish. They truly are the "king" of the numismatic world.

During World War II, many of the wealthy of Europe protected themselves by transferring to neutral Switzerland large quantities of gold coins as a protection against the possible bankruptcy of the warring nations. They were wise, since then the English Pound is down more than 25%; the French Franc is very low with all pre-war money valueless (due to invasion); German Hitler marks are valueless; Greek money went down to nothing; Chinese dollars went down and off the market. With the end of the war the masses clamored for gold, and I heard of instances where they would gladly pay the equivalent of \$75 United States money for a twenty dollar gold piece—just to have gold.

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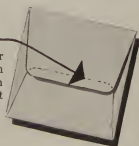
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—D.McN., California

## Answer:

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—C. F., New York

## Question:

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## Question:

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—C.K., New York

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—C. F., New York

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# OLD MECHANICAL BANKS Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH



## Little Jocko Musical Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

The organ grinder with his pet performing monkey was a normal part of the street scene some years ago and children derived fun and pleasure in giving the monkey a penny and listening to the catchy tunes of the loud but pleasant music emanating from the hand cranked organ. The monkey would then, in the usual routine, do a turn around dance in acceptance of the coin. The organ grinder and his monkey would be an unusual sight these days, however, they are brought vividly to mind as we reach No. 83 in our numerical classification of the mechanical banks. This bank is the Little Jocko Musical Bank and both the monkey and the organ, as well as the music, are respectively well represented and played.

The Strauss Manufacturing Company of New York made the Little Jocko Musical Bank and they used the terminology "Patent App'd For" and "Trade Mark" on the front of the bank. So far the writer has been unsuccessful in locating any patent papers or evidence of the trade mark that would apply to the bank. Therefore,

to the best of his knowledge the exact date of the manufacture of the bank is not known. It is the opinion of the writer, however, that it dates in the 1910 to 1915 period.

The bank shown is in very fine original condition and was obtained by the writer through the good help of Bill Ginter of Bryan, Ohio. Mr. Ginter's main interest is in antique firearms, however, he is also active in other specialty collector's items, as well as an interest in classic cars.

The Little Jocko is a bright attractive bank and the specimen shown has excellent paint with few mars or scratches. The round circle on the front of the bank was caused by the operating crank which in turn marred the paint surface in the fashion shown. The crank is practically flush with the front surface of the bank and thus in operation this marking is unavoidable. The entire organ part of the bank is an all over bright red. The decorations and scroll work on the front are in gold as is the lettering in the name. The wording "Patent App'd For" and "Trade Mark" is in black. The scene of the gondola with the gondolier is done in blue, red, brown, white, and yellow with various shadings. This scene is outlined in black and gold to give the appearance of a picture frame. The top of the organ has the statement "A Coin Please!" in black across the front edge. There is also gold outlining on the top. On each end of the organ there is a rhyme in black, "Drop a Coin in the Slot - Then turn the Crank around - You will see the Monkey Dance - And hear the Music sound." This rhyme is on a gold background with yellow scroll work outlining and below it appears an open sheet of music. The back of the bank is very interesting as it shows a large pipe organ with fifteen pipes that have a different type hat on top of each one. Nine of the pipes have character faces on them and each face is different but all have their mouths open as though singing. The pipes are yellow shaded with red and the outline of the pipe organ is gold with a dark blue background. The hats are done in gold and the faces in blue. Underneath the pipe organ appears the following wording in black, "Strauss Mfg. Company, New York, U.S.A."

The monkey on top of the organ is brown and he has a blue hat and trousers and a red jacket. The coin cup beside the monkey is gold with a white line around the bottom. There is a locking coin trap on the underside of the organ. The handle of the crank is a wooden knob. The bank is made of tin and sheet iron and the monkey is a lead-like material.

To operate the bank a coin is inserted in the provided slot inside the coin cup. It is necessary to push the coin in this slot rather than drop it in. The crank is then turned clockwise and music starts to play and the monkey dances around in a circle pivoting on his left foot. The entire piece plays through and then stops automatically regardless of the continued turning of the crank. It is necessary to insert another coin to resume the action and music.

The Little Jocko Musical Bank with its attractive appearance and good action accompanied by music is a desirable bank to have in a collection. It's a difficult bank to find in complete original condition and so far there are four, possibly five, known to exist in private collections.

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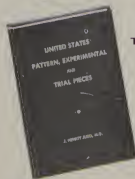
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The trend of thought is that, even though a great many more 1950D nickels were "put away" by collectors, dealers and speculators than were 1939Ds, the fact that they are a smaller issue should ultimately make the 1950D nickels exceed the price of the 1939Ds. Whether this is true or not, only time will tell. In October, 1958, these were selling around \$30 to \$35 per roll, prior to that they had been bringing \$20 to \$25 per roll for some time. By October, 1959, their price had risen to around \$92 per roll; then shortly after, another record was made when they reached \$115 per roll. By November, 1959, they were up to \$180 to \$200 per roll and collectors were eager to purchase them singly for their collection at \$5.95 each. In December, 1959, we find offerings of 1950D nickels, by the roll, at \$300

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This is only one outstanding instance. There are many other "short issues" which are reacting in the same manner—1955S cents, 1955P nickels and many others with short coinages are rising in value. The most recent is the 1959P cents. This has turned out to be a "reasonably" short issue. With its new reverse design, this could turn out to be a profitable investment.

How does one secure these brand new coins in quantity? There are dealers specializing in the handling of these coins who can supply them to you at a small premium over face value in quantities of from one roll up to mint bags. A recent quote I received offered a mint bag (100 rolls) of 1959P mint cents uncirculated, for \$57.50 plus shipping, only \$7.50 over face value. This seems to me to be an excellent investment, for all one would be risking is \$7.50 (one could always turn them in to the bank at face value) and were they to rise as many other issues have, to say \$3.50 per roll, a sale could be made of \$350 on the \$57.50 investment. This could occur in two or three years — if past records of similar issues were taken into consideration.

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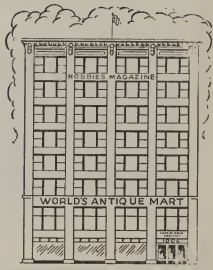
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## OLD MECHANICAL BANKS Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH



### Bowling Man in Cupola Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

Mechanical banks with unknown backgrounds are always a challenge to the sincerely interested collector. Such a bank is our choice as No. 84 in the numerical classification of the mechanical banks. This bank, the Bowling Man In Cupola, also has the distinction of being a new find in the field of mechanical bank collecting. Circumstances have indeed been unusual in the past few months when one considers the fact that this is the third new discovery in a mechanical bank in that time. The other two are the Ducky Fisherman Bank (HOBBIES, January, 1960); and the Tommy Bank (February, 1960).

The Bowling Man In Cupola Bank unfortunately has no markings of any kind nor any patent dates which would be helpful in establishing the designer or patentee of the bank. Also there are no particular characteristics in the design or construction of the bank that would definitely identify it with any individual or concern. Further, to the best of the writer's knowledge, there are no old catalogs or material of this nature that picture or describe the bank. However, the bank does have several things in common with the U. S. Bank (HOBBIES, January, 1958) and the New Bank.

There are similarities as to construction and the general overall appearance. All these banks are painted very similarly with the same unusual colors and the same type paint. Also the three banks are assembled in a like fashion with a rod or rods running vertically through the center of each bank and held together by this method. These clues are, however, not too helpful since both the U. S. Bank and the New Bank remain

unknown as to background, designer, manufacturer, and so on. Two striking features of the Bowling Man In Cupola are the type door on the front of the building and the dormer windowed roof. These are almost identical to the door and dormers on the Novelty Bank which was made by the J. & E. Stevens Company. The door opens on the Novelty Bank, however, and is also slightly larger in overall size compared with the stationary door on the Bowling Man In Cupola. The writer is not convinced that this is conclusive enough to establish the bank as being a Stevens item and until such time that further information may turn up the history of the bank will remain unknown.

The circumstances under which the Bowling Man In Cupola was found are fortunately helpful in establishing its approximate age. The bank shown is in fine original condition with excellent paint. It was obtained by the writer from an antique dealer in the vicinity of Albany, N. Y. There were twin brothers living in a small town near Albany who died within a short time of each other at the age of 78. They had several mechanical banks including the Bowling Man In Cupola which were left in their estate and the antique dealer obtained the banks from the estate. The banks were in the possession of the brothers since their childhood so it is known that the Bowling Man In Cupola dates prior to 1890 and undoubtedly in the 1880 period.

The bank is attractively painted in bright colors as follows. The graceful circular top of the cupola is a colorful red with a dark green underside, the round sides of the cupola are dark blue, and this part sets on a round dark green section on top of the roof. The rods on each side of the cupola are red and the same color is on the movable drawer-like section in the front of the cupola. The man inside the cupola has a black derby-like hat and a red jacket with black buttons. The top of the roof of the building is a dark red and the slanting sides containing the dormers are dark blue. The dormer windows are white with red outlining and red criss-crossing. The sides of the building are dark green with the four corners outlined in red. The side windows are also outlined in red as is the front door section. The arch of the door is dark blue and the name "Bank" is in red on a white background. The window pane sections of the door are white with green outlining. The base of the building is dark blue with a white striped edge, and this completes a very colorful bank.

The operation of the bank is simple but very interesting. It is pictured ready to receive a coin. In normal position the figure of the man is face down covering the coin slot. To operate the bank the knob on the front section of the cupola is pulled forward. In so doing the drawer-like section moves forward causing the man to rise upright to the position in the picture. At the same time the coin slot is exposed to receive the coin. After depositing the coin the knob is released and the section recedes into the cupola. The figure at the same time bows in thanks for the coin and in so doing re-covers the coin slot. The action is attractive and appropriate and the mechanism is spring operated.

The Bowling Man In Cupola Bank makes a nice addition to a collection of mechanical banks. As a final word it is not to be confused with the Cupola Bank (HOBBIES, June, 1957). Other than the cupola feature the two banks are entirely different both as to operation and appearance.

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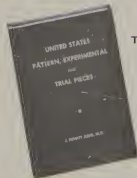
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By CHARLES FRENCH

President Theodore Roosevelt felt that we should have a new beautiful series of gold coins. He detailed the famous sculptor St. Gaudens to design them. The results were the beautiful high relief St. Gaudens twenties of 1907 with Roman numerals. True, they resembled medals greatly. They were immediately popular, and the first struck for circulation with the date in Roman numerals were used as presentation pieces, and some were put away by well-to-do people interested in coins. I believe they were the first double eagle to demand a premium shortly after coming out. Twenty-two dollars each was the price asked for them.

Criticism was forthcoming, for the extreme high relief made them difficult to stack, and they were shortly changed to a permanent lower relief design. The date was changed to Arabic numerals to make it more readable. Religious circles objected to the lack of our motto, "In God We Trust." In 1908 an Act of Congress authorized the addition of the motto to the coins.

The high relief coins are found with both a high wire edge and a flat edge. Proofs are very rare, the majority of the limited issue were struck as uncirculated specimens. Collectors seek these avidly today. While some turn up worn through misuse, the majority are still in beautiful, uncirculated condition.

There were two patterns put out. The first was very similar to the regular issue Roman numeral coins, but they can be identified by the stars around the edge on the obverse, which are so close as to appear as though the points actually touch the edge. The field also curves to the edge and at that point is sharp. The regular St. Gaudens may have a wire edge but it is different, and there seems to be a border between the stars and the edge both on the flat edge and wire edge varieties.

The second pattern is most unusual. It has the same design and high relief but is the size of a ten dollar gold piece with double thickness. Both of these patterns are excessively rare. I would not be at all surprised if they were to bring well over \$10,000 each if put up for sale now.

St. Gaudens also designed the new Indian Head ten dollar gold pieces.

While the first were of higher relief than the later regular issues, they were not as high as the twenties. Here, too, the motto was added in 1908.

The new \$2.50 and \$5's which appeared in 1908 were designed by Bela L. Pratt and were the first coins of our series to have incused designs. Resembling the St. Gaudens pieces somewhat their incused design does not lend to beauty.

After a lapse of seventeen years, in 1921, the coinage of silver dollars was resumed. The first were of the same design as had been struck since 1878. With the end of World War I agitation from numismatic circles influenced the government to strike a new dollar commemorating its end. In January, 1922, the first were released, dated 1921. While these were intended to be a commemorative issue, the design was retained through the years until the last was coined in 1935.

It was not long after the first 1921 coins came out that complaints poured in. They were so designed as to be difficult to stack. In banks, if twenty were stacked, they would fall over. This was a nuisance, so in 1922 the design was lowered, so that from then on the dollars were stackable.

With the entry of the Liberty Standing quarter dollars in 1916 of which very few of that date were ever available, the type one coins, without stars under the eagle on reverse, came under great criticism, for it was found that the designer had left poor Miss Liberty nude from the waist up!

This was rapidly corrected by adding a mailed coat. And at the same time the star arrangement on the reverse was changed so that three stars appeared under the eagle. This design has continued. One other change appeared in this series. This was in 1925 when the pedestal on which Liberty stands was cut deeper to allow a better impression for the date. Until then, some uncirculated coins had such weak dates they wore off very rapidly.

When the Lincoln cent appeared in 1909, Victor D. Brenner proudly placed his initials on the reverse. A howl went up for it was felt that no man should have his initials so evident on the coin of the realm. Off they came promptly, and we therefore have the varieties with and without VDB on reverse. The initials were restored in 1918, but on the bust, and were not so noticeable.

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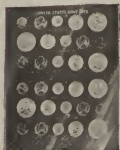


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—M.R.S., California

## Answer:

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—C. F., New York

## Question:

I have two coins I can't locate in any coin book. The dates are 1921 and 1926. The 1921 coin has a head of a woman like our Liberty Head Nickel. A word "libertas" is on her head band. Two words "Confoederatio Helvetica" and the date are on the front. On the reverse there is a wreath with a big twenty, and under the wreath is the letter B. This coin is the size of a nickel. The other one is the same as the first except it has a five instead of a twenty inside of the wreath. I would like to know the value and origin of these coins.

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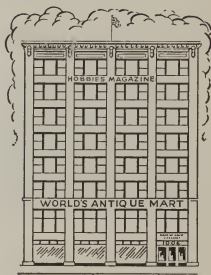
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## OLD MECHANICAL BANKS

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### Bird on the Roof Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A bank that has caused some conjecture over the years as to what it actually represents is our choice as No. 85 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks. This bank is the Bird On The Roof and for years the building part of the bank was thought to represent a church and the bird a dove of peace. This, however, is not the original intent of the patentee and designer of the bank.

The bank was patented March 5, 1878 by Elisha Stevens of Cromwell, Conn. The fact that Elisha Stevens himself designed and patented the bank adds distinction to the Bird On The Roof since he was a member of the famous Stevens family and the J. & E. Stevens Company who were the outstanding manufacturers of mechanical banks. Quoting from Mr. Stevens' patent papers clarifies the original intent of his representation in this bank.

"The main portion or body of the bank is made to represent a cottage having a gable roof. Said body may be ornamented with windows of Gothic or other shape. At or near one end of the ridge of the roof of such cottage-like figure is an ornamental chimney. Projecting also from the ridge of the roof and along it, is an ornamental ridge-like strip designed to form an ornamental pedestal on which a bird having its head directed toward and over the chimney is mounted."

This quoted information is conclusive as to the fact that the building is not a church and the bird is just a bird of no particular designation. Of interest too is the fact that the Bird On The Roof as manufactured is identical to the drawings in the original patent papers.

The bank shown is in fine original condition and was obtained some years ago by the writer from an Ohio antique dealer. The overall effect of the paint on the bank gives the appearance of being iridescent. The bird is silver with a yellow tail and beak. The wings



and head feathers are a purple color. The chimney is yellow and the roof is purple. The roof, by the way, is particularly attractive with its graceful curving slope and the well defined shingles. The sides of the building are silver outlined in purple and the windows are outlined in yellow.

To operate the bank a coin is placed as shown in the picture. Then the lever under the bird's tail is pressed. The head and forward part of the bird drops down and the beak hits on the edge of the chimney. This causes the coin to fall into the chimney. When the bird tilts down its tail raises up, and to re-set the bank for action the tail is pressed down and the bird and the lever snap into position. The bird works more or less on a cantilever arrangement.

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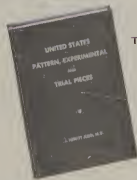
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Without any question the most popular currency of the times was the Gold Coin notes—promises to pay bearer on demand in gold coin. All of these notes have reverses of brilliant golden orange color and were first issued in 1863.

They were issued in denominations of from \$10 to \$10,000, many of which are extremely rare. With the advent of the new small bills in 1928 the gold reverse was discontinued and Gold Coin notes issued in 1928 were identified by a gold seal on the obverse.

The banking holiday and emergency acts of the depression in 1933 put an end to these permanently and it was required that all of these notes be turned in for redemption at face value. But not for gold coin.

Even today requirements are that any Gold Coin notes be turned in to your local bank for face value. The notes then are sent to the Federal Reserve Bank.

Our first National Bank notes appeared in 1875. These were issued by private banks under government jurisdiction and a bank, in order to issue the notes, was compelled to deposit with the Treasury certain types of loans, investments, etc.

The reason for these was to permit these banks to "liquidate" their invested holdings by issuing currency against them. They were issued under various charter periods in denominations of from \$1 up to \$100.

The last of these were the reduced sized notes of 1928. These not only have the signatures of the Secretary of the Treasury and the Treasurer, but also of two officers of the local bank issuing the notes.

During World War I, a new Act enabled the Federal Reserve Banks in various parts of the country to issue their own currency. These were purely inflationary.

They were secured only by other government IOUs. However, they filled the need for more currency during the War years when expansion and industry could not possibly have operated on the limited fixed currency then in use.

There were 12 Federal Reserve Banks issuing these notes. They were in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, and San Francisco.

The small banks that issued less notes are, of course, rarer than the others. Denominations of Federal Reserve notes were from \$1 to \$10,000.

These are still used today. In fact, most of the higher denomination notes we use, such as \$5s, \$10s, and \$20s, are Federal Reserve notes. They are identified today by a green seal.

A most unusual type of note used during and after the War between the States was the Fractional or Postage currency series. Coin became so scarce, and the use of stamps and encased postage stamps so impractical, the government was forced to issue these.

The first issue, designed to replace stamps then in use, depicted postage stamps and were in denominations of 5¢, 10¢, 25¢ and 50¢. Subsequent issues, of which there were five major ones, were just plain promises to pay. There are many varieties in denominations of from 3¢, 5¢, 10¢, 15¢, 25¢ and 50 cents, all of which are rare today if in excellent condition.

In order to acquaint the public with the many varieties of these, the government sent to many banks a "Fractional Currency Shield" framed and under glass which had, in the design of a banner, all the varieties of the first, second, and third issues. These were to be hung on the walls of the bank where all could see.

These were made with "specimen" notes, printed on one side only, not intended for use. Many an unsuspecting collector has "soaked" the notes off of the Shield to get the "money," not finding until too late that they were not what he thought them to be. These Shields in excellent condition are very rare today and bring very high prices.

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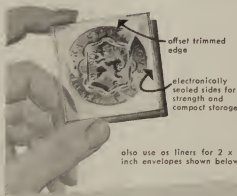
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### Squirrel & Tree Stump Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

Thriftness and saving are appropriately represented in the mechanical bank of our choice as No. 86 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks. Certainly a squirrel in the act of storing an acorn in a tree stump leaves little to be desired as an outstanding example of saving and looking ahead to one's future. Therefore, the Squirrel And Tree Stump is a particularly pleasing mechanical bank from the standpoint of its very desirable theme, realistic representation, and accurate operation. Of course, there are other mechanical banks such as the Bank Teller Bank (HOBBIES, February, 1953) which are also completely representative of saving in their general appearance and operation. Certainly nothing could better illustrate saving than a bank teller depositing your offered coins, which is the operation of the Bank Teller Bank. However, the Squirrel And Tree Stump would have a definite appeal to children and at the same time well point out the object lesson of saving one's money. With this thought we must always keep in mind the fact that basically speaking all mechanical banks were made to encourage children to save their coins and the various actions and operations involved were all invented to lead to the habit of saving money.

The Squirrel And Tree Stump was designed and patented by Robert E. Turnbull of New Britain, Conn., June 28, 1881. He assigned the patent to the Mechanical Novelty Works, also of New Britain. Mr. Turnbull carefully protected his design from all angles and the bank as actually produced is identical to the drawings in the patent papers. One feature was protected in two ways and this had to do with the operating lever. In addition to the lever as actually made he had a provision for a lever protruding from the rear of the bank which could be pulled in order to operate the squirrel. The bank was made by the Mechanical Novelty Works and Mr. Turnbull was one of the owners of this company. In addition to the Squirrel And Tree Stump this concern made a number of other mechanical banks including the very desirable Initiating Bank First Degree (HOBBIES, November, 1952).

A point of interest has to do with the fact that the Squirrel And Tree Stump has no markings or patent dates on the bank itself. As a rule where a bank was patented the date of patent was usually inscribed on the

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The Squirrel And Tree Stump shown is in unusually good original condition and was obtained by the writer some years ago from a New England antique dealer. The paint is excellent. The tree stump is an overall dark brown with the top of the stump and one root end in white. There are green sections around the base of the stump with some highlighting and flowers in yellow and red. The squirrel is a bronze and gold color with black eyes.

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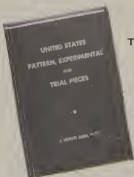
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Request permission of the dealer of your choice to send the coins for his inspection. If you are convinced he is reliable you should not have any qualms about sending him your coins.

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The cost and effort of selling determines how much commission he deducts from what you get. If you

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A word about condition. We will take the Liberty Walking half dollar of 1919 from the San Francisco mint. This catalogs as follows: good \$1.65; fine \$30.00; extremely fine \$110.00; *uncirculated* \$475.

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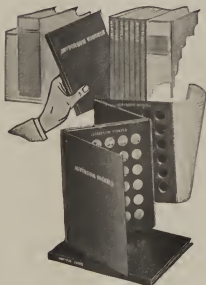
A word about catalog values. There are many coins, particularly gold dollars, two and a halves, threes, choice cents, and colonials. In very excellent condition, they now bring more than the catalog value.

However, a great many coins do not bring full catalog. The 1919S half is one of these. In good condition it may be purchased from dealers for 90¢; in fine condition about \$7.50; extremely fine, around \$35; and in gem, uncirculated, around \$300.

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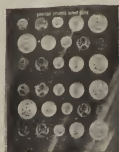


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—Mrs. R. E. S., New York

## Answer:

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—C. M. J., Connecticut

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# Penny Pineapple Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH



The collector of mechanical banks, as well as the general public, will be interested in the news that we bring you at this time. This news has to do with a new mechanical bank that is not only attractive but also has the added desirable feature of being a historical item. Penny Pineapple is the bank, and she has put in her appearance to commemorate the occasion of the celebration of the addition of our 50th State, Hawaii, and the addition of the 50th Star to our Flag.

Penny Pineapple is similar in operation to a number of the bust type of mechanical banks such as Humpty Dumpty. When any coin up to and including a 50-cent piece is placed in her right hand she is ready for action. A lever located to the rear of the left shoulder is pressed and she raises her right hand to her mouth and swallows the coin. At the same time her tongue recedes and she rolls her eyes upward in appreciation. Releasing the lever returns the arm, tongue, and eyes to the position shown in the picture.

Credit for this decorative mechanical bank goes to Thomas M. Inswiler of West Chester, Penna., who thought up the idea more or less on the spur of the moment. He designed the bank and holds the patent rights. The original model was made by Charles E. Rabenstein of the Littlestown Pattern Works of Littlestown, Penna. Mr. Inswiler has formed a partnership with Alvin N. Saylor of York, Penna., and together they

have formed the concern of Inswiler & Saylor. They are producing the first 500 of the Penny Pineapple Banks with the designation "1st Run Of 500" imprinted on the base plate. In addition to this the date of July 4, 1960 is imprinted across the back of the initial 500 banks. Any subsequent banks produced will not bear either of these designations. Among other plans Inswiler & Saylor intend to have one of the banks presented to Governor William F. Quinn of Hawaii during the period of the celebration of Hawaii becoming our 50th State and the 50th Star on the Flag.

Penny Pineapple is a well made cast iron mechanical bank and the molding and foundry work is being done by a concern who formerly made some still banks and have some experience in the field. The bank is painted in very attractive bright colors. The face is a tan color with some red highlighting on the cheeks, the eyebrows are outlined in black, and she has blue eyes. Her lips and tongue are bright red and the teeth are white. The back of her head has the texture and appearance of a pineapple and the leaves atop her head are green. On the front of her chest is a large yellow five-pointed star and this star has "50th" in black raised letters thereon. She has a blue collar and blue sleeves and the striping across the front and back of her blouse is in red and white. Across the back is inscribed the name "Penny Pineapple" in raised letters.

The bank is priced at \$15.50 plus postage and anyone desiring one of them can contact the writer should they so choose.

In closing the writer might explain that in the ordinary routine surrounding the collecting of mechanical banks he would have no particular interest in writing about any banks that are of current manufacture. However, Penny Pineapple does have historical significance and in time will in all probability become a collector's item and thus he feels that it is important enough to bring to the attention of HOBBIES' readers.

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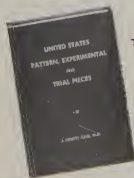
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## Speculation in the Coin World

By CHARLES FRENCH

Speculation is still running rampant in the coin world. News has been released that the United States mint has had so many orders for 1960 proof sets they have been compelled to refuse any more at present.

This order dates back to April 15th. It is rumored that there are orders for around 1,500,000 proof sets on file. If this is so it will be the largest issue yet.

What is happening is a little rough on those who did not send in for their sets early. At the time of writing this article, the current offering price for 1960 proof sets is at \$5.25.

With good demand it does not seem that the large number to be made will affect the price at all. If anything the price is liable to go higher.

Since the first of the year, so many orders for uncirculated coins (particularly by the mint bags which amounts to \$50 worth of cents, \$200 worth of nickels, etc., etc.) have been received it is barely possible for the mints to keep up with the demand for uncirculated 1960 coins.

I hear the clamps have been put on this also. No special orders for 1960 uncirculated coins will be honored any longer.

In fact, instructions have been issued causing the new coins to be mixed in with old ones to frustrate this practice. The "roll" collectors will again have to chase around and "find" their uncirculated rolls where they can.

The clamp-down has definitely cut back the supply. I see that offerings of mint bags of 1960P cents with a face value of \$50 are being offered by speculators at \$125 per bag.

Speculation in rolls has been going on heavily now for the last couple of years and I think it time the prices levelled off. Many speculators have made fabulous profits, however, even though they might be on paper.

I know of one man who, 18 months ago, invested \$3050 in 100 rolls of uncirculated 1950D nickels. Considering today's retail price of \$187.50 per roll, this gives him a paper profit of \$15,700 in a little less than a year and a half. Of course selling costs would have to be deducted from the above profit.

Encourage the youth of America to become coin collectors. The hobby is interesting, instructive, and very profitable. Tomorrow's coin col-



lectors are the outcome of those that start young today.

The profits that can be made by keeping coins until the future are unbelievable. I commenced coin collecting when I was a boy, around 14 years old. If I still had all the coins I had acquired since then the values would be terrific.

Collecting coins from circulation and mounting them in the ever-popular Whitman boards is fast becoming one of the leading indoor hobbies among school boys. It is a pity more girls don't take up the hobby also.

Even if no profit were made it teaches our youth to save and is an interesting way to do it. Encourage coin collecting wherever you can.

Boy Scouts have courses for merit badges in coin collecting and these are very popular, easy to do also. They have caused our youths to be conscious of rarities that can sometimes be found in circulation.

A boy in Troy recently received in this manner one of the rare 1955 double struck cents which is valued (in the condition he got it out of his pocket change) at around \$50. Had he not been a coin collector he would have passed this coin on to the next party and lost that value.

Another boy endeavoring to complete his Lincoln Cent set was lucky enough to find in circulation a 1909S VDB Cent valued at around \$30, still another found a 1914D Cent valued at \$20. The thrill of making these finds is as important as the value of the coins found.

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Collecting uncut sheets of paper money is a fast-growing hobby amongst numismatists. While these are large and unwieldy, they lend themselves popularly to framing. Collections can be nicely displayed by hanging on the wall.

Perhaps the first to start these were the many uncut sheets of obsolete currency that have turned up in the last couple of decades. When the Civil War terminated all of the paper money issued prior to that time became obsolete and valueless.

Large stocks of printed but unused paper currency were filed away in the storage vaults and cellars of old-time banks. Valueless, they simply lay there until finally collectors took an interest in them.

With the new demand, these sheets of uncut, unsigned currency began to come to light; many in great quantities. They are discernible by the fact that they are not signed. Even today more and more are appearing.

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having the sound the other coins have, this one sounded dead, more like a 1943 cent. I cleaned the coin by rubbing it on a soft cloth. It is really copper color, but lighter, with darker traces through it, like traces of ore through a rock. The coin is the same diameter as other Lincoln cents, but only about three-fourths the thickness.

What do I have, and is it worth anything?

Mr. B. J. W., Michigan

## Answer:

It would be very difficult for me to say just what you have. The wear on the cent is most likely the cause of the obliterated lettering and its thinness. As to its deadness of ring this could be caused by a cracked planchet. The coloring could be caused by having once been plated by someone. Then again it could be a cent made on a defective piece of metal. I do not think however the coin would be very valuable due to its amount of wear.

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**Answer:**

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—C. F., New York

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# Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

## Safety Locomotive Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

An interesting, attractive, tri-purpose mechanical bank is our choice as No. 87 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks. This bank, Safety Locomotive, is not only intended as a toy savings device but was also made to be used as a paperweight and a pull toy. Of further interest is the fact that the bank represents an object and there are a very limited number of mechanical banks that fit into this category. Others are the American Bank (HOBBIES, July 1955), the Camera Bank (HOBBIES, December 1955), and the Pistol Bank. The fact that the bank represents an early type of 4-4-0 locomotive with its fine tall stack adds considerably to its desirability, not only to collectors of mechanical banks but to collectors of cast-iron toys and toy train collectors as well.

The Safety Locomotive, like the American Bank and the Camera Bank, has been considered a borderline case as to its being a semi-mechanical or a mechanical bank predicated on the fact that there is no immediate action in direct connection with a coin whether inserted in the bank or deposited by the action of the bank. Well the Safety Locomotive is a fine little bank and it does have clever mechanism inside whose operation is eventually caused by the number and weight of coins and it most likely belongs in the mechanical bank category. It's to be admitted that from a strictly action standpoint the bank leaves much to be desired but this is not the only basis on which we judge a mechanical bank as to its merit as there are other factors involved. It is a well known and established fact among collectors of mechanical banks that some of the most desirable and rarest items have a minimum of action in their operation.

The Safety Locomotive was patented November 15, 1887 by Edward J. Colby of Chicago, Illinois. The patent papers covering the bank were somewhat difficult to locate since he patented the bank as a toy locomotive and, therefore, this put the papers into a classification and sub-classification where under normal circumstances patent papers covering a mechanical bank would not be found. Also of interest is the fact that the Safety Locomotive is the only known mechanical bank to be patented in the entire year of 1887.

The patent papers on the Safety Locomotive are noteworthy and Mr. Colby starts his claim as follows: "My invention relates to toys for banks, paper-weights, and the like, and has for its object to provide a bank which can be used as a toy to be drawn by a child, can be used as a paper-weight, or can be used as a bank, the contents of which are adapted to open the bank when they reach a certain weight. These objects I accomplish by means of the mechanism in the accompanying drawings, where-in Figure 1 is a side view of my invention. Figure 2 is a longitudinal section through the invention. Figure 3 is a plan view with the smoke stack and sand chest removed to leave the bank open."

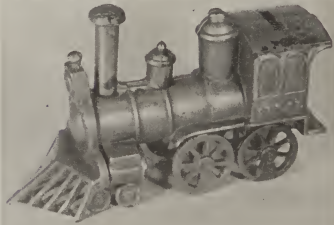
The accompanying drawings referred to are the same as the bank pictured. Detailed explanation is given in

the papers as to the parts and working mechanism with reference to the drawings. The smoke stack and sand chest are shown as an integral unit which is removable after the proper number of coins have been deposited in the bank. In his summation of his patent Mr. Colby expresses his claim as follows:

"I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent a toy bank consisting of a hollow locomotive provided with a coin receiving aperture, a removable smoke stack which covers the aperture through which the coin is removed, and a spring-latch which is adapted to lock the smoke stack in position, but when depressed by the weight of the coin permits it to be released and removed so that the coin may be abstracted."

The bank shown is in nice condition and completely original. It was obtained by the writer a number of years ago through the good help of B. H. O'Connell of Binghamton, N. Y. The bank has its original nickel-plate finish and this type finish in mechanical banks is rather uncommon. As a matter of fact in the entire series of articles up to date only one mechanical bank came with a nickel finish and this was the Automatic Coin Savings Bank (HOBBIES, December 1956).

As to the operation of the bank, dimes are inserted in the coin slot located in the roof of the cab and they



drop on through into the steam boiler. When sufficient coins have been deposited they force the spring in the forward end of the boiler and thus depress the locking piston and cause it to descend. The hook on the bar to which the sand chest and smoke stack are fastened is thus freed and this part may be removed so that the coins can be extracted.

The Safety Locomotive pictured has the name "Safety" on the front of the boiler and "Pat. 87" on each side of the cab under the windows. A later variety of the bank has the name "Safety" on each side of the cab and the date "Pat. 87" on the front of the boiler. This type also has a removable curved piece that fits on top of the boiler under the removable stack and sand chest. This was a later adaptation to facilitate the removal of coins.

The Safety Locomotive makes a desirable addition to a collection of mechanical banks and it is a real challenge to the collector to find one in complete original condition. Since it was played with as a pull toy as well as a bank it was subject to extra usage. Usually one part or another is broken and most often the removable stack and sand chest is missing completely. The number of complete original Safety Locomotive Banks in private collections is very limited.

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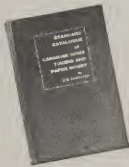
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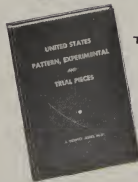
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The Revolutionary notes adopted the dollars and cents denominations. They were issued in many unusual amounts, such as: 1/4 dollar, 1/6 dollar, 1/4 dollar, 1/2 dollar, 1/2 dollar, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, and so forth.

Since we did not have, as yet, any coins of our own, these notes "promised to pay" in "Spanish milled dollars"—the large silver 8 real pieces that were used so much by our ancestors. 1781 was the last date of these series.

We find a lack of paper money until the beginning of the 19th century. Without adequate laws regulating the paper money issues, from the War of 1812 on, we find a hodgepodge of literally thousands of varieties of paper money, issued by states, private banks, cities, railroad companies, in fact, by most everybody.

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You can see, therefore, that up to this time we did not have very good luck with our currencies. It is not surprising that our ancestors preferred hard gold and silver coin to the paper currency used.

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The first "Greenbacks" of 1861 were demand notes or promises to pay, with no backing. Many citizens looked askance at them.

People were wrong, however, for even today, these and all other notes since that time have been redeemable at face value by the govern-

ment. The first 1861 notes were in denominations of \$5, \$10, and \$20.

These were closely followed after the war by Legal Tender notes, also with no backing. These notes have been issued even up until today. If you have a bill in your pocket with a red seal, this is a Legal Tender note, simply promising to pay you one dollar.

During 1863 and 1864 the Treasury Department issued notes in denominations from \$10 on up to \$1000, bearing interest. These, too, were promises to pay but the interest was an extra incentive.

With the coming of 1886, we find the first "Silver Certificates" appearing. These notes certified that there had been deposited in the Treasury of the United States one silver dollar.

These, in many designs and denominations, were issued until the advent of the small notes in 1923. As the requirements were that one silver dollar be placed in the Treasury for each note issued, it was not long before hundreds of millions of brand new silver dollars were held there.

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# Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

## Peg-Leg Beggar Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH



A mechanical bank with a more or less charitable motif is our choice as No. 88 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks. This bank is the Peg-Leg Beggar and it is rather appropriate in its representation of the typical street type of beggar who was a common sight in our cities throughout the country some years ago.

The subject matter of the Peg-Leg Beggar has a counterpart in another mechanical bank, namely Patronize The Blind Man And His Dog (HOBBIES, March, 1955). Here we have the blind man appealing for coins which, when given to him, are thoughtfully taken from his hands by his dog and deposited safely away.

The theme of charity in both the Peg-Leg Beggar and Patronize The Blind Man And His Dog had and still have a definite appeal to any person or child in stimulating the desire to put a coin in either of the banks. This is a worthwhile feature and of considerable interest to the collector when one considers the fact that these two mechanical banks, as compared with the other known mechanical banks, have an entirely different approach to the underlying objective of all mechanical banks, and that is the encouragement to formulate the habit of saving one's money.

The Peg-Leg Beggar is unfortunately another one of the banks whose background is an unknown quantity.

Neither the designer or manufacturer is known and there are no outstanding characteristics about the bank that lead to any particular designer or concern. Also there are no markings of any kind on the bank that possibly might offer a clue as to its origin.

Fortunately, however, we can definitely establish the period in which the bank was made. Ehrich's Fashion Quarterly for the Summer of 1880 pictures the bank for sale and describes it as follows:

"The Beggar Bank. Represents a one-legged negro sitting with his hat in his hands begging. On dropping a coin into the hat it instantly disappears, while the beggar nods his head in acknowledgement." It is also interesting to note that Ehrich's sold this bank for 50 cents each and priced it as such in the same 1880 advertisement.

The bank shown has been in the writer's collection for a number of years and it is entirely original and in fine condition. The figure of the beggar sits on a box-like base and this base has perforations in the sides. A screw through this base holds the bank together as it is made in two halves, and the head pivots at the neck and is held in place by these halves. Coins are removed from the bank by loosening the screw and taking the bank apart.

The finish on the bank is in a good state of preservation. The clothes of the beggar, as well as the box-like seat, are a copper bronze-like color. His right shoe, peg-leg, hat, hands, and face are all black. There are also black buttons down each side of the front of his overcoat. Between the lapels of his coat there is a white shirt-like effect and this has red edging in the center. His mouth is red and his eyes white with black pupils.

As to the operation of the bank, this has already been fairly well covered in the quote from the original ad in Ehrich's Fashion Quarterly. The coin when dropped into the hat goes through a slot and engages a balanced lever that is fastened to the head of the figure. The weight of the coin tilts the lever back causing the head to tilt forward as though nodding in thanks for the coin.

The Peg-Leg Beggar is a simple but very interesting bank and rather difficult to find in good original condition. It is a desirable mechanical bank to have in a collection.

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Spring & Co., and others, are eagerly purchased by collectors. Many of the foreign clocks of the last half of the 19th century are quite popular because of the attractive designs and superb workmanship.  
I do not believe that any one is qualified to say outright exactly what is collectable and what is not. The field is too immense in scope and the interests of collectors are too varied.  
The new collector, however, must make a start somewhere. Just where to make the start is, of course, the problem. Probably, he or she, should start by picking up a few inexpensive items that appear to have some interest.

This will lead to further study and an increase in knowledge. Growing knowledge of the subject then, will set up guide-posts for future activities and acquisitions. There is no substitute for experience and knowledge, and no easy way to get it.  
In these informal discussions of the hobby of collecting old time-pieces, I do not attempt to disseminate specific information that would be helpful with any particular problem. In this one rather, I am trying to create a perspective of the subject in general which may help some one to gain for himself, a concept that will guide him into a very satisfying hobby.

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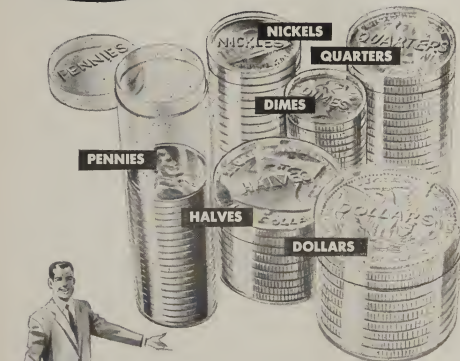
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## New Rarity

in Numismatic World

By CHARLES FRENCH

For the first time in many decades there are two distinct die varieties to the 1960 cents. This has caused quite some excitement in the Numismatic World and has created a new rarity.

Both the cents of the Denver mint and the San Francisco mint have large and small date. It seems that the coins struck first, or in other words at the beginning of the year, were all of the small date variety.

From what I can learn, apparently the dies for the small date cents were used for around the first two weeks of January. While the figures are not accurate, it is estimated that, of the 40 odd million cents coined at the Philadelphia mint up to the time I am writing, only about 2,000,000 were made with the small date.

Of the over 400,000,000 cents struck at the Denver mint only 10,000,000 are estimated to have small dates. There will be no more small date cents coined as far as we can see.

This makes this variety, both at the Philadelphia mint and Denver mint quite scarce and these have already started to rise in value. No one knows how far they will go. I have already seen an offer of 1960 P mint cents, small dates, at \$48 per roll!

It seems all rolls have taken a rise due to the Federal Reserve's change in policy. It no longer accepts orders for 1960 coins by the mint bag. Rumor has it, that from now on, uncirculated coins will be deliberately mixed up with circulated ones (by the roll), to frustrate hoarders.

Why I do not know. The government certainly makes profit on the coinage of money and I do not see why it should prohibit people putting away coins if they want to. If collectors wish to secure uncirculated rolls of current years, they now will have to canvas from bank to bank to find them.

What has happened to proof sets? The Mint received so many orders for the 1960 proof sets, they have been compelled to return all orders received after April 15th.

The orders they have on hand (approximately 1,500,000, of which around a third have been struck) are all they have time to make for the rest of the year. This puts many a collector, who did not order early, without his proof sets.

He now will have to go out on the open market and purchase them.

Prevailing prices for the large date cent proof sets is now \$5.25 per set. Those who were lucky enough to get their orders in very early for their 1960 proof sets received them with the small date cents.

While there are no records as to how many small date cents were coined in proof there must be less than 50,000. This will make these small date proof sets quite rare. Already I hear they are quoted at \$10 per set.

There are other varieties already noted on the 1960 cents. The word "Liberty" on the small date coins is not even tapering in size from small beginning with the "L" to larger ending with the "Y." I have also seen large date cents of the Denver mint with the top of the "9" either partly or completely solid.

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The boom in speculation of uncirculated rolls of coins seems to have slowed down a little. This is not surprising after the rapid rise in values that had been going on. Summer months also effect this somewhat. I do not think much activity will be forthcoming until fall.

That most interesting series, the commemorative coins issued by the United States have for several years now been dormant in value. Collectors, however, have never lost interest in them and have gradually been acquiring them for their collections while the prices were steady.

I think that dealers' stocks of these must be very low at present. There seems to be more attention paid to this series as dealers realize the good demand for these coins and their apparent short supply.

This will, without question, cause them to rise in value when the coin business starts picking up again this fall. This series may be the series to get a terrific play upward as some series seems to get each year. Watch them.

I note that the new guide book has placed an asterisk after certain recently coined issues and labeled them as highly speculative. The sudden rise in prices of these coins is, without question, due to the heavy speculation by roll dealers and collectors.

Many believe that the buying and selling of rolls is not true coin collecting. The unusual price rise may well be fictitious. It is based on the number of coins coined and does not take into consideration the number of coins put away.

What ever the reason, many collectors are at present up in arms over the gross speculation going on in rolls. They say it is not coin collecting and should not be done under that name.

Perhaps they are right, but as long as I can remember there has been speculation in coins. Prior to this roll boom, it was the proof set boom. Then, before that, it was the commemorative coin boom. Then the boom in United States early proofs was going on.

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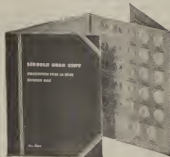
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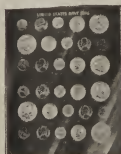


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price rises, all of these "booms" ended up with a crash of varying degrees of severity. Not that the coins stayed down. No! But it took quite a while for each respective series to recover from its crash. Many speculators had some nice losses.

Take the case of the fabulous \$700 asking price for a 1936 proof that occurred in the Spring of 1957. The price of this set today, even after recovery, has only reached \$375.

You can therefore see that some series "ran away." They will take a long time to get back to their previous highs.

It is possible that the "roll boys" and a little over enthusiastic in running prices on rolls of current coins as high as they have. But who can predict the future?

The number of new coin collectors entering the field is growing so fast, one can never tell what a "small" issue will be in the future. For in-

stance 1,500,000 proof sets is a record for today.

However, if there were only 3,000,000 collectors of them, and I believe there are more than that many coin collectors now, the 1,500,000 would not go around.

Thus the issue would be small. But of course, one must not forget that as a certain issue goes up, the higher it gets the less buyers there are for it.

Coins have always gone in fads. One year collectors seem to want one item, the next year another.

I have met very few collectors, speculators or otherwise, that are not pleased to find their coin collections, whether speculative or not, have gone way up in value.

This has been the general case now for many decades so I might venture to say that cannot see why there should be objection to speculators when most collectors appreciate advance in values.

I might also add that I know of no one who would deliberately sell his collection for less than it is worth just because he does not believe the coins should have gone up that fast.

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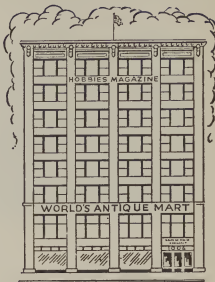
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Definite background information on the bank, as to the origin, maker, time of manufacture, and so on, is sadly lacking. There are no markings, dates, numbers, or anything else on the bank itself that would help to identify it. No catalogs of any type known to the writer either picture or describe the bank for sale. There are some things, however, concerning the bank that we can be reasonably sure of. For one thing there is no question but that it is of foreign make and most probably of German manufacture. It has characteristics in common with the Cross Legged Minstrel for example, and this is a known foreign product. Also the Royal "Trick" Elephant Bank is made of tin, similar to some of the other known imported mechanical banks. The locking tin coin trap in the base is identical to several of the German made banks. Other factors, all indicative of the same foreign source, have to do with the colors of the bank, and the way it is made. As to the period of the bank there is not much to go on, but most likely it dates around 1890 to 1910.

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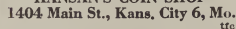
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## Question:

Have a World Columbian Exposition, Chicago 1893, U.S. Mint Exhibit Treasury Dept. size of silver dollar. Has gold finish. Please advise as to value. U.S. Gov. building on front. Has length, width and area on front. —J. W. M., Florida

## Answer:

The medal you have should retail for around \$2.50.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I have a \$5 Federal Reserve note in excellent condition. It is Series 1950 "A." This note has a Serial No. of H 84206305A on the left side, and No. H 48206305A on the right side. I was told at the Federal Reserve Bank that to their knowledge, this has not occurred in this district at any time previously. What is its value? —J. M. O'N., Missouri

## Answer:

The note you have is indeed very unusual with the numbers different. I have never seen one of these, and it would be difficult to tell what it would be worth. I believe you should get a very good premium for it, however. The only way to dispose of such an item would be to put it up at auction and see what it would bring.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I have taken coins as a topic for my English class and I must have a letter from an expert like you. I would appreciate a letter from you very much. I would like to know if there is any way to polish a coin without taking away its value.

—E. E., Illinois

## Answer:

The cleaning of coins depends upon a lot of things. If the coins are in excellent condition it does not harm coins if they are cleaned in the right manner. The way to clean depends upon what the metal is. Gold can be cleaned with soap and hot water. Silver can be brightened by making a paste of baking soda and water. Copper should only be cleaned by an expert.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I am enclosing a foil impression, also pencil rubbing of an 1803 one-cent coin. The condition seems to be a little better than good, but I am unable to tell if the date and decimal 1/100 are in small or large numbers. Would you please tell me the value of this coin? Also an 1832 half-penny in excellent condition, very sharp; and a 1775 silver 2 real piece.

—H. I. S., Florida

## Answer:

The coin you have is the large fraction small date variety. The coin seems to be near fine, it retails as follows: good \$2; fine \$4.

The 1832 half-cent, ex. fine, retails at \$4.

The 1775, 2 real retails for \$1, fine condition.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Please appraise the following bill and coin: 1. Lg. 7 1/2" x 3" dollar bill (silver certificate), Series N 2700 1.378A, Frank White, Treasurer. H. Speelman Register of the Treasury. Good condition. 2. (50¢ size) thin, worn Carolus III Gratia 1789 one side; Hispan with other illegible printing on other side.

—J. T., California

## Answer:

The note you have is only worth a premium if it is in fine or better condition. The other coin is a 4 real piece of Charles III, Spain, and if badly worn, worth 50¢ only.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Please send me the information on this coin.

—C. E. F., N. Carolina

## Answer:

The coin you have is a 10 reis piece of Portugal, 1765, under Joseph I. Its value is 75¢.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

What would be a fair selling price for an 1854 gold dollar? The coin is in perfect condition except by looking at it under a magnifying glass you can see where some one has scratched the word April.

—R. S., Illinois

## Answer:

The scratched word April is a mutilation and greatly reduces its value. Normally, if in very fine condition, dealers are now paying \$15 for this coin, sell for \$20. I'd say if you could get \$7.50 from a dealer it would be good.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Have an 1853-0 mint half dollar without arrows or rays. The coin Book lists as rare.

—M. H., Iowa

## Answer:

If your 1853-0 mint half dollar is without arrows or rays it would have to be examined by an expert to determine whether there is a possibility of the arrows and rays having been removed by someone. There is no information as to how many of these were made. There have only been two offered, one around 1867, and this sold for around \$150. Another, in 1909, sold for \$600. Today, a genuine would be worth quite a lot of money. However, it would have to undergo many rigid tests to determine its genuineness.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I wish information on two coins. One is copper with "Our Army" in large letters, a wreath and small dots on the outside of it. There is a star at the top of the letters and a mark at the bottom. On the front is a head with long hair (profile) and a hat, pointed, with folds. There are a series of stars on either side, 12 in all. Liberty at the top and 1864 at the bottom. A mint defect goes from back edge of the hat to the outside of the coin. The other coin is silver. Has a shield with a crown at the top. On one side of shield are letters I P A, and on other R with a star S. The word Philippus and something at the bottom I can't distinguish, but might be VGS or VDG. On other side is a round shield with figures inside, around outside the name "Hispaniarum Rex," and date 1733 with \* separating them.

—B. E. B., Rhode Island

## Answer:

The first coin you have is one of many varieties of Civil War tokens being quite common. It retails for around 50¢.

The second is a Spanish coin of Philip V of Spain. As no size is given I cannot give you its denomination. If the coin is in good condition it is not worth much, but if it is in fine or better condition it could range between \$1 and \$20 depending upon denomination.

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## Hoop-La Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH



Mechanical banks with a circus motif form a very desirable group of banks that offer good action, a variety of types, and colorful specimens. As we reach No. 90 in the numerical classification we come to one of the banks in this group, namely the Hoop-La Bank, which is of English manufacture. Two other English made mechanicals fit in the circus group, the Clown Bank (Bust) and the Clown Bank (Tin).

The circus theme is well represented by a number of the American made banks and two of these have been covered in past classification articles, the Circus Bank (HOBBIES, October, 1952) and the Clown On Bar Bank (HOBBIES, April, 1956). Two possible border-line cases of the circus motif that have also appeared in the articles are Professor Pug Frog's Great Bicycle Feat (HOBBIES, January, 1953) and the Acrobat Bank (HOBBIES, September, 1958). The other American banks in the group are Trick Dog Bank, Circus Ticket Collector, Clown On Globe, Humpty Dumpty, Elephant And Three Clowns On Tub, and Jumbo. There is also every possibility that several other of the elephant type mechanicals could be classed in the group.

The Hoop-La Bank was made by John Harper & Company of England and the design registration was under the date of April 5, 1897. The action of the bank is the same as the American made Trick Dog Bank patented in 1888 and similar to another English bank

brought out in 1909, John Bull's Money Box (HOBBIES, September, 1957). The Hoop-La was apparently a popular bank for Harper as they featured it in their catalogs over a number of years and as late as the 1920 period.

The bank pictured was obtained by the writer several years ago from David Hollander, the well known antique dealer of Riverdale, N. Y. It was formerly in the collection of the late Walter P. Chrysler, the famous automobile magnate and avid collector of mechanical banks. The bank shown is in good condition, however, the paint is somewhat worn and chipped. This same condition exists with the other Hoop-La banks the writer has seen in other collections.

While somewhat the worse for wear the colors on the bank under discussion are still quite bright. The clown's outfit is an overall striking yellow and the large collar, pockets, and cuffs are in red. He has white stockings and his shoes are tan with red buckles. The three peaks of his hair are black as are the buttons and belt of his costume. Red markings appear on his face. The dog is white and the barrel is red with black banding. The top and bottom of the base are brown and the front, back, and end plates are green. The wording "Hoop-La Bank" is in gold.

To operate the bank a coin is placed in the dog's mouth, then a lever in the right end of the bank is depressed and the dog springs forward and upward through the hoop and throws the coin into the barrel. The dog is manually replaced in position for future operation. The action is fast, simple, and quite pleasing.

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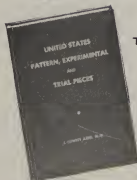
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## NUMISMATISTS! AND THE 1943 COPPER CENT

By CHARLES FRENCH

The question today is—who is a coin dealer and who is a collector? Years ago coin dealers were few and far between. Collectors outnumbered dealers many-fold.

Today, with speculation, rapidly rising values, and the increase in interest in coins, very few of us are true 100% coin collectors. We now come to the problem of where the line should be drawn.

We have collectors who speculate. They are those that put away quantities of coins, in addition to their regular collection, with the hope that future rises in values will be to their profit.

We have pure speculators — those whose only interest in coins is the profit they can make from the buying and selling of quantities.

We then have "Pickers." These constantly are in search of forgotten hoards of old coins with the idea of buying and selling at a profit. They may represent themselves as either dealers or collectors.

Then there are the collectors whose collections are well-known in a local territory. In consequence they receive offerings of coins which can be purchased for resale and profit over and above their collections.

There are those that are in other businesses, but buy and sell coins on the side. Among these are the many "part time" dealers that advertise, attend conventions and participate in bourses, and go to other activities where buying and selling can take place.

At the majority of coin clubs one of the highlights of a meeting is the buying and selling of coins by both collectors and dealers.

Lastly, we have the full time dealer. He maintains a place of business and devotes all of his time to coin dealing.

I think all the varied activities above are good for Numismatics, for each one encourages interest, and tends to increase our numbers. The more collectors (or dealers?) there are, the more activity and importance can be expected.

The question is — where should the line be drawn between collector and dealer? Or should it be drawn at all? We're all Numismatists, and the majority of us buy and sell. Even the 100% collector will sell his coins some day.

I am acquainted with all the full time dealers in the United States and doubt that there is one that does not have a collection of coins of his

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own. In fact there is so little difference between us Numismatists as to be unnoticeable.

The only true collector would be one that spent his life studying and collecting coins. Then, when completed, donated them to some museum or institution for posterity.

We coin people should all be thought of as Numismatists, and the subdivisions of "Collector" and "Dealer" should be discarded.

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A recent newspaper article has me flooded with inquiries about the 1943 copper cent. The article said that a certain party recently sold one for a very high figure. This, in Numismatic circles, is very seriously doubted.

The 1943 copper cent has a varied and not very favorable history. There are, at present, two that have been authenticated as genuine. The mint denies that there were any struck. The first was reputedly found in circulation by a newsboy. It was authenticated by several experts.

This means the person who found the coin had to be investigated. The circumstances under which it was found had to be checked. The coin had to be tested for magnetism, weight, and examined for alterations. And it had to be inspected to see if it was a counterfeit. The coin must be offered with affidavits to the above, and a guarantee by the owner to refund, provided if, at any time, it should still turn out to be a phony.

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The second coin was found by a young man who was not a coin collector. He had heard the erroneous rumor that if one found such a coin one could get a Ford car for it. He watched his change carefully and came across one in a cafeteria.

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## COIN QUIZ

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### Question:

I'm sending you pencil rubbing of these coins for identification.

—Mrs. A. D., Illinois

### Answer:

The first piece you have is a silver medal of Sweden valued at about \$2.

The large cent U.S. 1843, retails for \$1.

The English penny of 1897, 5¢.

The Masonic penny, 50¢.

The Newfoundland cent 1917, 10¢.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

I am sending you a pencil rubbing of a coin in my possession. On the front it says "Confederate States of America, 1861" and on the back "1/10." 1) Was it actually struck by the Confederacy? 2) How much is it worth? It is silver and might be a proof coin, though it has become slightly tarnished through age. It has obviously never been in circulation.

—D. G., New York

### Answer:

While I cannot say definitely without inspecting it, I believe you have one of the very rare Confederate ten cent pieces. I do not believe it really was struck by the Confederacy, I believe it was coined by the man that made the 1¢ pieces for the South.

There is no record what this has brought for there have been no sales. I believe there is a possibility of it bringing as high as \$500.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

I have found among my Indian heads a 1907 cent considerably thinner than the regular type Indian heads. I do not find it given any special mention in any of the text books or catalogs. Can you supply any information?

—A. D., New York

### Answer:

The Indian cent of 1907, thin, has probably been subjected to some acid which has eaten away the copper. This is not unusual.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

Can you give value of an old Spanish silver coin? On front, edge, reads: "Carolus III, Deo Gratia, 1779." On the back reads: "Hispan\* Et Ind \* Rex \* G \* 4R \* D \* Center design on back is a crown, tablet, and two bugles, milled edge, a small hole was pierced on edge as a watch charm. This piece was carried by my gt. gt. grandfather, a sea captain, who owned a Brig out of Salem, then Boston, China, and Calcutta. Tea and spice was the main cargo.

—G. W. A., New Hampshire

### Answer:

The Spanish coin is a 4 real coin. Insofar as it is holed it is of silver value only, about 30¢.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

The coin I have is identified as a doit, struck at Dordrecht, The Netherlands, in 1734, for the East India Company. On one side is the crowned shield of the province and on the reverse side the bale-mark. The 4 is placed lower than the 173. Will appreciate any information you can give me.

—Mrs. R. M. B., Jr., Ohio

### Answer:

The East India Co. copper coin is not rare, retailing around 50¢ in good to fine condition.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

I have a coin given to me in Ben Gurea, French Morocco, North Africa. It is rough made, looks like bronze, is a little larger than a quarter. Has a 6-point star with a border around it on one side, and on the other, 1288 with some type of writing above the numbers. I would like the value.

—W. C. C., California

### Answer:

The coin is a small bronze of Israel which is quite common. The date is misleading for it is Mohammedan. It was probably struck around 1850 A.D. Value is insignificant.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

Please evaluate the following: An Early American Colonial bill, size 4x2 1/4" for one shilling, #5674. This is dated March 25, 1776. On the back is a picture of a leaf and the wording "Tis death to counterfeit," and Burlington in New Jersey. This is in good condition. Have studied your section on coins in HOBBIES Magazine.

—E. H., Maine

### Answer:

The 1 shilling of New Jersey, March 25, '76, in good condition should retail for around \$2.50.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

Have the following coins: 1835 half dime, but very worn. Gold half dollar, 1863 or 1868. This isn't worn but I can't make out the last figure. It is 3-sided, has wreath, and 1/2 dollar, 1863, on one side, and woman's profile with 11 stars around her on other side.

—K. D., California

### Answer:

The worn half dime is of little premium value.

The half dollar gold is of California origin and the octagon type whether Indian head or Liberty head retails for around \$7.50.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

I have a dollar bill, Series 1935A, with the word "Hawaii" printed on the front on either side of Washington's picture and also printed in large letters across the back of the bill. Can you tell me anything about this?

—C. B., New Jersey

### Answer:

The one dollar bill surcharged "Hawaii" was used in the Pacific Theatre during World War II, as a protection against Japanese acquisition of the money.

They are only worth a premium when in crisp, new, unfolded condition. In this condition they retail for \$3.95.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

Please let me know what you think of the following paper money.

—Mrs. B. R., Illinois

### Answer:

Your \$20 bill is a Federal Reserve note, not a gold coin note. In creased condition it is worth no premium. Has to be crisp, new, unfolded, to demand one.

The \$1 note is a Legal Tender note, and if in creased but fine to very fine condition, retails for around \$2.50 to \$3.

The Government does not wash notes, but they can be washed with ivory soap and warm water, and later ironed. This sometimes helps their appearance, but frequently they acquire a "washed" or "faded" look.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

I am enclosing rubbings of a 1748 copper coin, and would like to know its value. From the bird I would guess it might be a coin from Austria.

—Mrs. C. W. H., Ohio

### Answer:

The coin you have is a copper coin of Russia. It currently retails for 50¢.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

Will you please tell me what a \$20 gold certificate is worth? It's of the 1882 Series. Ellis H. Roberts was Sec. of Treasury at the time. It is in fair condition. I also have a \$10 gold piece, year 1892, in perfect condition. What is its value?

—Mrs. C. K. C., Pennsylvania

### Answer:

Gold coin certificates must be turned in at your local bank at face value—government regulations.

As to the \$10 gold piece, it is perfectly legal to have this and sell it. Currently dealers are buying these at from \$19 to \$20 depending upon condition.

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